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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

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SUBJECT: TON NOTES

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ARGENTINE TERRORISTS PLAN ACTION FOR OCTOBER 17: THE RADICAL LEFTIST MONTONEROS, WHO BROKE FROM THE OFFICIAL PERONIST MOVEMENT AND DECLARED WAR ON THE GOVERNMENT LAST MONTH, REPORTEDLY ARE PLANNING TO STAGE WIDESPREAD TERRORIST OPERATIONS THROUGH THE COUNTRY ON OCTOBER 17. THAT DATE COMMEMORATES THE ANNIVERSARY OF JUAN PERON'S FIRST BID FOR POWER IN 1945 AND IS HONORED BY HIS FOLLOWERS AS PERONIST LOYALTY DAY. ALL CURRENT MONTONERO ACTIONS HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN HALTED IN ORDER TO PLAN THESE ACTS, WHICH WILL BE DESIGNED TO OFFSET THE EXPECTED FORMAL GOVERNMENT COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES. BOTH THE ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE AND OTHER SECURITY FORCES CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN SPECIAL VIGILANCE ON THE 17TH AGAINST ANY VIOLENCE.

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CHINESE FOURTH NATIONAL PEOPLES CONGRESS WILL BE HELD SOON; VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING SAID RECENTLY THAT THE FOURTH NATIONAL PEOPLES CONGRESS (NPC) WILL BE HELD SOON. TENG EXPLAINED THAT THE MEETING WAS POSTPONED EARLIER TO CONCENTRATE ON THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CONFUCIUS AND LIN PIAO. HE SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED A CANADIAN DELEGATION THAT PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI'S HEALTH WOULD NOT BE RESTORED FOR SOME TIME. THIS SUGGESTS THAT CHOU WILL BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY THROUGHOUT THE SESSION.

A CHINESE DIPLOMAT HAS CLAIMED THAT A MAJOR PURPOSE OF THE NPC WILL BE TO SILENCE SOVIET REPORTS THAT THE PREMIER HAS FALLEN FROM POWER. DESPITE ANY POLITICAL DIFFERENCES THAT MAY EXIST BETWEEN CHOU AND MAO TSE-TUNG, THE CHAIRMAN UNDOUBTEDLY RECOGNIZES THAT THE PREMIER CAN INFLUENCE PREPARATIONS FOR THE LEADERSHIP TRANSITION IN CHINA, AND HE HAS PROBABLY CHOSEN TO CONVENE THE NPC WHILE CHOU CAN STILL TAKE PART.

MOZAMBIQUE TROOP WITHDRAWAL: PORTUGAL WILL WITHDRAW OVER 12,000 TROOPS FROM MOZAMBIQUE DURING THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM THE TERRITORY. DURING THE DECADE OF INSURGENCY THERE, THE NUMBER OF TROOPS UNDER PORTUGUESE COMMAND ROSE TO OVER 50,000 ALTHOUGH SLIGHTLY LESS THAN ONE THIRD THAT FIGURE ACTUALLY CAME FROM PORTUGAL. THE REMAINING PORTUGUESE TROOPS APPARENTLY WILL STAY UNTIL INDEPENDENCE NEXT JUNE. ONE OF THE MAJOR TASKS CONFRONTING THE PRESENT TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE WILL BE TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL ARMY BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. A JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION CHARGED WITH THE TASK IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTUGAL AND THE FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF MOZAMBIQUE, WHICH DOMINATES THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. TROOPS FROM THE FRONT WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO FORCES LOCALLY RECRUITED BY THE PORTUGUESE.

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